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SUBJECT: DRC MEETING NOVEMBER 25: DRAFT GENERAL REPORT ON
REVIEW OF COUNTRY FORCE AND FINANCIAL PLANS FOR
1975-1979

REF:A. USNATO 6343; B. STATE 257624

SUMMARY: DRC MET NOVEMBER 25, 1974 TO DISCUSS DRAFT GENERAL
REPORT ON REVIEW OF COUNTRY FORCE AND FINANCIAL PLANS FOR
1975-1979 (DRC/WP(74)5(REVISED) GENERAL REPORT). DRAFT
TEXT AND REPORT OF DRC MEETING FOLLOW, BELOW. DRC WILL
MEET AGAIN ON FRIDAY, NOV 29 TO FINALIZE GENERAL REPORT FOR
PRESENTATION TO DPC PERMREPS ON DEC 4(TENTATIVE). ACTION
REQUESTED: WASHINGTON COMMENTS/ GUIDANCE ON GENERAL REPORT
AND ANY SUGGESTED SUBSTATUTE LANGUAGE FOR PARA 18,
PERTAINING TO CONVERSION OF US SUPPORT FORCES TO COMBAT
FORCES AND STATIONING OF TWO ADDITIONAL BRIGADES IN EUROPE.
END SUMMARY.

NATO FORCE PLAN 1975-1979

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DRAFT REPORT BY THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN PERMANENT
SESSION

I. INTRODUCTION

Q. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES (1) FOR DEFENCE PLANNING REVIEWS FORCE GOALS FOR THE PERIOD 1975-1980 (2) WERE ADOPTED BY THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE ON 27TH MAY, 1974. A REPORT (3) ON THESE GOALS WAS MADE TO MINISTERS AT THEIR MEETING OF 14 JUNE WHEN THEY AGREED, SUBJECT TO STATEMENTS MADE BY INDIVIDUAL MINISTERS, TO INTRODUCE THEM INTO NATIONAL FORWARD PLANNING(4).

2. THE 1974 DEFENCE REVIEW EXAMINED COUNTRIES FORCE AND FINANCIAL PLANS FOR MEETING THE GOALS FOR THE PERIOD 1975-1979; THE PERIOD 1976-1980 WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF NEXT YEARS REVIEW.

3. THE PLANS CONSIDERED THIS YEAR WERE REPORTED BY COUNTRIES IN THEIR REPLIES TO THE 1974 DEFENCE PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRE. THESE PLANS, CLARIFIED AND AMENDED AS NECESSARY IN THE COURSE OF THE TRILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL EXAMINATIONS, ARE SUMMARISED IN THE COUNTRY CHAPTERS AND STATISTICAL ANNEXES (5). THE TOTAL OF THESE PLANS, ONCE ENDORSED BY MINISTERS, WILL CONSTITUTE THE NATO FORCE PLAN FOR THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW.

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- (1) DPC/D(71)10, 19 MAY, 1971
(2) DPC/D(74)5(GENERAL REPORT AND COUNTRY SERIES)
(3) DPC/D(74)10, 29 MAY, 1974
(4) SEE DPC/D(74)15, PARA III.3(D)
(5) DPC/D(74)21(COUNTRY SERIES AND STATISTICAL ANNEXES)
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4. OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS ARE:

- A. THE OVERALL SUMMARY APPRAISAL BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL(1);
- B. THE REPORT BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE ON THE MILITARY SUITABILITY OF THE PROPOSED NATO FORCE PLAN FOR 1975-1979 AND THE ASSOCIATED DEGREE OF RISK(2).

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5. IN ANTICIPATION OF THE AD 70 REPORT TO MINISTERS NEXT SPRING(3) THIS GENERAL REPORT IS BY COMMAND AND REGION. IT SUMMARISES THE TRENDS REVEALED IN THIS YEARS REVIEW IN EACH REGION AS REGARDS BOTH THE LEVEL AND QUALITY OF THE FORCES COUNTRIES ARE PROPOSING TO PROVIDE OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, THE IMPROVEMENT PROPOSED, THE MORE IMPORTANT SHORTFALLS TO WHICH THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES HAVE DRAWN ATTENTION, THE MILITARY COMMITTEES ASSESSMENT OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE 1975-1979 PLAN FOR DETERRENCE AND DEFENCE, AND THE ECONOMIC BACKGROUND.

6. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS YEARS COUNTRY CHAPTERS REPORT FULLY ON THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE GOALS, AND THUS

THE AD 70 HIGH PRIORITY RECOMMENDATIONS ENDORSED BY MINISTERS HAVE BEEN MET. IN ADDITION THE SIX "BASIC ISSUES" OF DEFENCE PLANNING(4) HAVE BEEN COVERED IN BOTH THE CHAPTERS AND THE TRILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL EXAMINATIONS.

(1) DPC/D(74)
(2) MCM-82-74, 21 NOV 1974
(3) (AC/281-N(74)13) DPC/D(74)
(4) AIRCRAFT AND AIRFIELD PROTECTIO, DEFENCE AGAINST ARMOUR, WAR RESERVE STOCKS , ELECTRONIC WARFARE, MOBILE AIR DEFENCE SYSTEMS, AND MODERN AIR DELIVERED MUNITIONS.
(SEE DPC/D(74)9, 7 JUNE 1974, PART V.)

II. CONDUCT OF THE 1975 DEFENCE PLANNING REVIEW
7. DELAYS IN SUBMITTING COMPLETE REPLIES TO THE 1974 DEFENCE PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRE HAVE AGAIN CREATED DIFFICULTIES IN THE CONDUCT OF THIS YEARS REVIEW. WHILE THE MAJORITY OF COUNTRIES WERE ABLE TO SUBMIT THEIR FORCE TABLES BY THE THIRD WEEK OF AUGUST (AGAINST A DEADLINE OF 31 JULY), THE MEMORANDA AND FINANCIAL SECTIONS OF THE REPLIES OF A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WERE ONLY RECEIVED BETWEEN LATE SEPTEMBER AND END OCTOBER, AND ONE COUNTRY WAS NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE ITS REPLY UNTIL NOVEMBER.

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8. AS A RESULT OF THESE DELAYS THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT TIME FOR AN ADEQUATE ANALYSIS OF REPLIES IN PREPARATION FOR THE TILATERAL EXAMINATION ON A NUMBER OF CASES. HOWEVER,

MUCH OF THE NECESSARY INFORMATION AND CLARIFICATION REQUIRED WAS OBTAINED DURING THESE DISCUSSIONS AND WAS INCLUDED IN THE COUNTRY CHAPTERS SUBMITTED TO THE DEFENCE REVIEW COMMITTEE. THIS ENABLES THE MULTILATERAL EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE COMMITTEE TO FOCUS MORE ON MATTERS OF POLICY THAN HAS BEEN POSSIBLE IN THE PAST. ON THE OTHER HAND ONLY FIVE COUNTRIES WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE SUPPORTING FINANCIAL DATA COVERING THE WHOLE OF THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW WHICH MADE IT DIFFICULT TO EXAMINE IN ANY DETAIL THE ADEQUACY OF THE RESOURCES ALLOCATED FOR SUSTAINING NATIONAL DEFENCE PROGRAMMES. THIS NECESSARILY DETRACTED FROM THE VALUE OF THE DEFENCE REVIEW.

III. TRENDS OF THE 1974 REVIEW

9. THIS SECTION OF THE REPORT SUMMARISES BY COMMAND AND REGION THE MORE IMPORTANT FEATURES OF COUNTRIES DEFENCE EFFORTS, FIRST AS REGARDS THE COMMITMENTS UNDERTAKEN FOR 1974 AND PROPOSED FOR 1975, AND, SECONDLY, OF COUNTRIES PLANS
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FOR 1975-1979 IN RESPONSE TO THE FORCE GOALS AND OFFERED AS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NAT FORCE PLAN FOR THE PERIOD.

10. A SUMMARY OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE GOALS ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED IS AT ANNEX.

Q. ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE

A. NORTHERN REGION

(I) COMMITMENTS UNDERTAKEN FOR 1974 AND PROPOSED FOR 1975

11. IN GENERAL THE COUNTRIES OF THE NORTHERN REGION HAVE MET THEIR COMMITMENTS FOR 1974, AND THE FORCES PROPOSED AS COMMITMENTS FOR 1975 ARE OF ABOUT THE SAME MAGNITUDE AS PROVIDED THIS YEAR. IN THE ARMY THE AVAILABILITY OF SOME UNITS HAS BEEN REPORTED AS LATER THAN LAST YEAR. IN THE NAVAL FORCES IN THE AREA THERE WILL BE A NOTABLE INCREASE IN NUMBERS OF GUIDED MISSILE FAST PATROL BOATS. ON THE OTHER HAND THE AVAILABILITY OF SUBMARINES WILL BE REDUCED BELOW THAT PLANNED AND ONE COASTAL ESCORT AND A NUMBER OF MINE-SWEEPERS AND MINELAYERS WILL BE PHASED OUT WITHOUT REPLACEMENT. IN THE AIR FORCES (INCLUDING REINFORCEMENT FORCES) DELAYS IN OVERHAUL PROGRAMMES AS WELL AS REDUCTIONS IN USE HAS RESULTED IN SOME SHORTFALLS AGAINST THE COMMITMENT.

(II) FORCE PLANS 1975-1979

12. THE FORCE PLANS FOR THE NORTHERN REGION GENERALLY CONFORM WITH NATO FORCE GOALS, BUT FALL SIGNIFICANTLY SHORT OF MEETING THEM FULLY, AND, AS IN THE PAST, FURTHER DELAYS IN MODERNISATION PROGRAMMES HAVE OCCURRED.

13. IN THE LAND FORCES THE MAIN EMPHASIS IS ON QUALITATIVE

IMPROVEMENTS IN PARTICULAR ON INCRASING ANTI-ARMOUR AND AIR DEFENCE CAPABILITES, MODERNISATIONOF COMBAT VEHICLES, IMPROVEMENT IN TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS AND PROCUREMENT OF NBC AND EW WQUIPMENT. THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW SHOULD SEE THE INTRODUCTIONOF SOME 120 LEOPARD TANKS AND OVER 300 ANTI-AROMOUR SYSTEMS. HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE DELAYS IN COMPLETION OF SOME PROGRAMMES.

14. PLANS FOR THE ARITIME FORCES MAINLY CONCERN THE
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INTRODUCTIONOF ADDITIONAL GUIDEDMISSLE FAST PATROL BOATS, THE REPLACMTNT OF SOME MINESWEEPERS AND COASTAL ESCORTS WITH NEW UNITS AND INTRODUCTION OF MODERN WEAPON SYSTEMS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, ALTHOUGH SOME DELAYS ARE EXPECTED. FURTHER, SEVERAL OF THE SHIP REPLACEMENT PROGRAMMES HAVE BEEN DELAYED, RESULTING IN SHORTFALLS AGAINST THE FORCE GOALS.

15. THE MAIN GOALS FOR THE AIR FORCES CONCERN THE TIMELY REPLACEMENT OF F-5, F-100 AND F-104 AIRCRAFT. A DECISIONON THE TYPE OF AIRCRAFT TO BE ACQUIRED IS EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN SHORTLY BY THE FOUR COUNTIRES (BELGIUM, DENMERK, THE NETHERLANDS AND NORWAY), WHO ARE ATTMEPTING TO FIND A COMMON SOLUTION TO THIS PROVLEM; AND REPLACEMENT IN THE NORTHERN REGION COUNTRIES SHOULD BEGIN BY 1980. SOME IMPROVED MUNITIONS ARE BEING ACQUIRED BYT PROCUREMENT OF MORE SOPHIS-TICATED WEAPONS IS NOT YET FORESEEN AND MAY HAVE TO AWAIT A DECISION ON REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT. ELECTRONIC WARFARE SELF PROTECTI ON EQUIPMENT IS PLANNED FOR ALL TACTICAL COMBAT AIRCRAFT EXCEPT FOR AIR DEFENCE AIRCRAFT. BY 1976 THE CURRENT AIRCRAFT SHELTER PROTECTION PROGRAMME FOR 70PCT OF TACTICAL AIRCRAFT WILL HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, BUT THERE ARE NO PLANS FOR THE ADDITIONAL 30PCT. THE ACTIVE AIR DEFENCE OF AIRFIELDS WILL BE MET BY A MIXTURE OF RADAR CONTROLLED AND FAIR WEATHER GUNS AND IN SOME CASES SUFRACE TO AIR MISSILE SYSTMES WILL BE INTRODUCED. CERTAIN AIR FORCES RELY HEAVILY ON MOBILISATION TO PROVIDE MANNING FOR GROUND BASED ACTIVE AIR DEFENCES.

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(III) ASSESSMENT OF THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES

16. IN THE NORTHERN REGION THERE WILL BE IMPORVEMENTS IN COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS AND SURVIVAL IN ALL THREE SERVICES RESULTING FROM THE MEASURES MENTIONED ABOVE. HOWEVER, THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES DRAW ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT CONTINUED RELIANCE ON MOBLIZATION AND INADEQUATELY TRAINED RESERVISTS FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE LAND FORCES, WHICH IS FURTHER AGGRAVATED BY LOW MANNING LEVELS AND A DROP IN THE AVAILABILTY OF SOME UNITS, LIMITS THE EXTENT TO WHICH THESE FORCES CAN ACCCOMPLISH THEIR ASSIGNED MISSIONS. FURTHERMORE, THE OVERALL CAPABILITY OF THE NAVAL FORCES TO FULFIL THEIR MISSION WILL REMAN MARGINAL OVER THE PERIOD WHEN COMPARED WITH THE WARSAW PACT MARITIME CAPABILITIES THERE. IN THE AIR FORCES THE MARKED SHARTAGE OF PERSONNEL AND IARCRAFT AND MISSILE UNITS COUPLED IWTH THE LACK OF ADWQUATE NUMBERS OF AIRCRAFT SERIOUSLY LIMITS COMBAT CAPABILITY IN THE REGION. THE OFFENSIVE FORCES REMAIN DEFICIENT IN NIGHT/ALL WEATHER AND ECM CAPABILITIES, AND THE NUMBER OF RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRT AVAILABLE IS IN ADEQUATE TO COVER THE VAST AREA OF THE NORTHERN REGION

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EFFECTIVELY.

B. CENTRAL REGION

(I) COMMITMENT S UNDERTAKEN FOR 1974AND PROPOSED FOR 1975

17. THE COMMITMENTS FOR 1974 HAVE BEEN MET, WITH MINOR EXCEPTIONS IN THE AIR FORCES; APPROXIMATELY THE SAME LEVEL OF FORCES IS PLANNED FOR 1975. MODERNISATION AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAMMES RESULT IN IMPROVEMENTS IN ANTI ARMOUR COMMUNICATIONS AND LOW LEVEL AIR DEFENCE CAPABILITIES, AND IN TACTICAL MOBILITY. IN THE AIR FORCES ADDITIONAL STOCKS HAVE BEEN BUILT UP AND THE INTRODUCTIN OF NEW AND IMPROVED CONVENTINAL MUNITIONS HAS BEEN CONTINUED.

(II) FORCE PLANS 1975-1979

18. COUNTRIES PLANS FOR 1975-1979 FOR THE MOST PART REFLECT THE THRUST OF THE FORCE GOALS AND THUS OF THE AD 70 HIGH PRIORITY RECOMMENDATIONS, ALTHOUGH NOT ALL FORCE GOALS WILL BE MET. OF PARTICULAR NOTE IS THE DECISION OF THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES TO REINFORCE THEIR FORCES IN EUROPE BY CONVERSION OF PERSONNEL NOW IN SUPPORT ROLES WITH TWO BRIGADE EQUIVALENTS AND TWO ARTILLERY BATTALIONS, AND TO EARMARK EIGHT ADDITIONAL SQUADRONS OF 180 COMBAT AIRCRAFT FOR THE RAPID REACTION FORCES.

19. PROGRESS WILL BE MADE IN THE PROVISION OF MODERN TANKS, ANTI ARMOUR WEAPONS, ARTILLERY AND BARRIER EQUIPMENT. BY 1979 ABOUT THREE QUARTERS OF THE 7,000 MAIN BATTLE TANKS IN THE REGION WILL BE OF THE LATEST TYPES (LEOPARDS, US M-60 A1/A2 AND CHIEFTAINS) AND THERE WILL ALSO BE ABOUT 1,000 TANK DESTROYERS. FURTHER, COUNTRIES WILL HAVE ACQUIRED NEARLY 900 TOW, 1,200 MILAN, AND 150 SWINGFIRE ANTI-TANK SYSTEMS AND OVER 1,000 DRAGON WEAPONS. THERE ARE ALSO PLANS FOR PROCURING HELICOPTERS WITH AN ANTI TANK CAPABILITY AND ANTI ARMOUR ARTILLERY AMMUNITION. SOME COUNTRIES ARE ALSO PROCURING NEW MOBILE AIR DEFENCE WEAPONS (35 MM ALL WEATHER GUN SYSTEMS AND RAPIER MISSILE SYSTEMS).

20. IN THE AIR FORCES THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL AIRCRAFT
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MODERNIZATION PROGRAMMES, BUT TO CERTAIN EXTENT CAPABILITIES WILL DEPEND ON TIMELY REPLACEMENT OF THE F-104G AIRCRAFT (SEE PARA 15 ABOVE). AS REGARDS MODERN MUNITIONS, PRIORITY IS BEING GIVEN TO THE PROVISION OF AREA DENIAL AND STAND OFF WEAPONS, AND AIR TO AIR MISSILES, TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE LONGER TERM BY PROGRAMMES WHICH INCLUDE LASER AND ELECTRO-OPTICAL AIR TO GROUND MISSILES. THE SITUATION REGARDING AIRCRAFT AND AIRFIELD PROTECTION CONTINUES TO IMPROVE, AND BY 1976 THE CURRENT PROGRAMME FOR SHELTERS FOR 70 PCT OF ASSIGNED AND EARMARKED TACTICAL AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE COMPLETED; HOWEVER THE MAJORITY OF COUNTRIES HAVE NOT YET PLANNED PROVISION OF SHELTERS FOR THE REMAINING 30 PCT OF AIRCRAFT. MOST AIRFIELDS IN THE REGION WILL HAVE ALL WEATHER ANTI AIRCRAFT MISSILE SYSTEMS SUPPORTED BY GUNS.

(III) ASSESSMENT OF THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES

21. ALTHOUGH DOUBT REMAINS AS TO THE ADEQUACY OF THE QUANTITY OF ANTI ARMOUR WEAPONS TO BE PROCURED, THE CAPABILITY IN THE CENTRAL REGION WILL BE CONSIDERABLY INCREASED WHEN CURRENT PLANS ARE IMPLEMENTED. THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES EXPRESS CONCERN OVER SHORTAGES IN LAND FORCE UNITS WHICH RESULT IN SECTORS OF ARMY CORPS AND DIVISIONS BEING OVER-EXTENDED; OVER THE LACK OF IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE RESERVES,

AND DEPENDENCE ON REINFORCEMENT FROM OUTSIDE THE REGION;
THIS MEANS THAT THE CAPABILITY TO DELAY AN ATTACK AND THEREBY
GAIN TIME FOR MOBILIZATION FOR AN APPROPRIATE COUNTER-
ATTACK AND TO SUSTAIN A FORWARD DEFENCE, IS DANGEROUSLY
LIMITED. THEY CONSIDER THAT THERE MUST BE AN IMPROVEMENT
IN AVAILABILITY OF ADDITIONAL FORCES AND IN THE READINESS
OF ON THE SPOT FORCES IN TIMES OF RISING TENSION, IF A
COHESIVE DEFENCE OF THE REGION IS TO BE CONDUCTED WITHOUT
AN EARLY RESOURCE TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

22. AS REGARDS THE AIR FORCES, THEY DRAW PARTICULAR
ATTENTION TO THE INADEQUACY OF THE INTERCEPTOR FORCES FOR
THEIR TASKS, THE LARGE NUMBER OF DUAL CAPABLE AND ATTACK
AIRCRAFT WHICH ARE STILL LACKING IN NIGHT AND ALL WEATHER
CAPABILITIES, AND THE EXPECTED LACK OF A SPECIALISED
ELECTRONIC WARFARE FORCE IN PLACE DURING THE PERIOD.
THEY ARE CONCERNED OVER THE LACK OF ACTIVE ALL WEATHER AIR
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DEFENCE, WHICH WILL BE A SERIOUS SHORTCOMING IN VIEW OF THE
WARSAW PACT LOW AND MEDIUM ALTITUDE THREAT. THEY NOTE THAT
SOME COUNTRIES HAVE PLANS TO PROCURE MODERN SOPHISTICATED
AIR DELIVERED MUNITIONS IN THE LONGER TERM BUT NEVERTHELESS
CURRENT PROGRAMMES WHEN IMPLEMENTED WILL RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT
IMPROVEMENTS.

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C. SOUTHERN REGION

(I) COMMITMENTS UNDERTAKEN FOR 1974 AND PROPOSED FOR 1975

23.

(II) FORCE PLANS 1975-1979

24.

(III) ASSESSMENT OF THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES

25.

B. ALLIED COMMAND ATLANTIC

(I) COMMITMENTS UNDERTAKEN FOR 1974 AND PROPOSED FOR 1975

26. FOR THE MOST PART THE COMMITMENT OF FORCES TO
SACLANT IN 1974 HAS BEEN MET. HOWEVER, THERE ARE TWO
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DESTROYERS LESS AND A SHORTFALL IN CATEGORY A-1 NOTABLY
AS REGARDS SOME AMPHIBIOUS SHIPS AND TWO NUCLEAR
PROPELLED SUBMARINES. THESE SHORTFALLS SHOULD IN GENERAL
BE MADE GOOD IN 1975.

(II) FORCE PLANS 1975-1979

27. THE PLANNED INTRODUCTION DURING THE PERIOD UNDER
REVIEW OF SURFACE TO AIR MISSILES, SURFACE TO SURFACE
MISSILES, POINT DEFENCE MISSILE SYSTEMS, MODERN ELECTRONIC
WARFARE EQUIPMENT AND LONG RANGE ANTI SUBMARINE WARFARE
EQUIPMENT WILL RESULT IN CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT IN THE
FIELDS OF SURVIVABILITY, AIR DEFENCE AND ASW. NEVERTHELESS
THERE WILL BE SHORTFALLS IN SUBMARINES, DESTROYER ESCORTS
AND MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT COMPARED WITH THE
ESCORTS AND MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT COMPARED WITH THE
FORCE GOALS AND A REDUCTION IN THE AVAILABILITY OF SHIPS,
IN PARTICULAR AIRCRAFT CARRIERS. WITHIN THE NEAR FUTURE
IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR ALL COUNTRIES TO TAKE DECISIONS
REGARDING THE REPLACEMENT OF SHIPS AND MARITIME AIRCRAFT,
INCLUDING NEW TYPE SHIPS SUCH AS ASW CRUISERS AND SEA
CONTROL SHIPS. OLDER SHIPS WILL CONTINUE TO LACK AN EW
CAPABILITY, AS COUNTRIES DO NOT CONSIDER THAT IT WILL BE
COST EFFECTIVE TO IMPROVE THEM IN THIS RESPECT.

(III) ASSESSMENT OF THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES

28. THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES WELCOME THE
PROGRESS MADE IN THE AREAS MENTIONED ABOVE. THEY VIEW WITH
CONCERN THE DROP IN AVAILABILITY OF AIRCRAFT CARRIERS
WHICH MAY RESULT IN REDUCED REACTION TIME IN PERIODS OF

CRISIS. DELAY IN THE INTRODUCTION OF SEA CONTROL SHIPS
AN DHSORTAGE OF DESTROYER ESCORTS COUPLED WITH DELAYS AND
UNCERTAINTIES IN REPLACEMENT PROGRAMMES FOR FARITIME
PATROL AIRCRAFT WILL LEAD TO SERIOUS GAPS IN ASW
CAPABILITY IN THE ATLANTIC. FURTHER, THE NUMBER OF
SUBMARINES AVAILABLE WILL NOT PERMIT THE STATIONING
OF AN EFFECTIVE ATLANTIC BARRIER AND , AT THE SAME TIME,
OTHER SUBMARINE TASKDS. MOST ACLANT EARMARKED CRUISERS
WILL BE REPLACED BY GUIDED MISSILE DESTROYER LEADERS
CAUSING A REDUCTION IN NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT CAPABILITY
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BUT IMPROVING AIR DEFENCE.

29. THENATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES CONSIDER THAT THE
GROWING SOVIET MAIRITME CAPABILITIES, THE SIZE OF THE ACLANT
AREA OF OPERATION AND THE VARIETY OF TASKS EVOLVING
FROM SACLANTS MISSION REQUIRE A GREAT NUMBER
OF UNITS AND THEY EMPBASISE THAT THERE IS A LIMIT TO
WHICH QUANTITY CAN BE TRADED FOR QUALITY.

30. IN SUMMARY, WITH THE FORCES PROVIDED, THE
NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES DO NOT CONSIDER THAT SACLANT CAN
STILL GUARANTEE THE ELIMINATIONO F THE SOVIET
THREAT TO THE ATLANTIC SEA LINES OF COMMUNICATION
WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. THE ANIT- SUBMARINE
CAMPAIGN WILLSTILL BE DIFFICULT, A SITUATION AGGRAVATED BY
LACK OF AN ADEQUATE DEFENCE SYSTEM AGAINST CRUISE
MISSILES. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN A CREDIBLE DETERRENT
AND WAR FIGHTING CAPABILITY, THE OVERALL CAPABILITY OF SACLANT
MARITIME FORCES MUST BE FURTHER IMPROVED BOTH IN QUALITY
AND QUANTITY; ANY REDUCTION IN THE NATO MARITIME
POSTURE WILL SERIOUSLY JEOPARDISE ITS CREDIBILITY.

ALLIED COMMAND CHANNEL

(I) COMMITMENTS UNDERTAKEN FOR 1974AND PROPOSED FOR 1975

31. FOR THE MOST PART THE FORCES EARMARKED FOR CINCHAN
IN 1974 MEET THE COMMITMENT UNDERTAKEN LAST YEAR.
NEVERTHELESS THERE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERABLE REDUCTIONS IN THE
NUMBER OF MINE COUNTERMEASURE VESSELS AVAILABLE UNDER
NATIONAL COMMAND AND THESE FORCES ARE EXPECTED TO BE
FURHTER REDUCED IN 1975.

(II) FORCE PLANS 1975-1979

32. ASSUMING A CONTINUING UNITEDKINGDOM CONTRIBUTION
OF THE SAME ORDER AS NOW PLANNED, THERE WILL BE MORE ANTI-
SUBMARINE WARFARE FRIGATES FOR CINCHAN BY THE END OF THE
PERIOD UNDER REVIEW THAN NW, AND FOUR WILL BE OF NEW
CONSTRUCTION. HOWEVER, COMPARED WITH THE FORCE GOALS THERE

WILL BE AN OVERALL SHORTAGE OF ASW FRIGATES AND MARITIME
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PATROL AIRCRAFT AND SIGNIFICANT QUANTITATIVE SHORTFALLS
IN BOTH SHIPS AND MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT. FURTHER,
FEWER MCM VESSELS WILL BE AVAILABLE THAN PREVIOUSLY
PLANNED.

(III) ASSESSMENT OF THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES

33. THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES HAVE NOTED THAT
QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DEFICIENCIES IN ASW AND
SURVEILLANCE AND MCM CAPABILITIES WILL CONTINUE TO
EXIST AND THAT MANY UNITS AVAILABLE FOR CINCHAN ARE OVERAGE
AND TOO SLOW. SHOULD THIS TREND CONTINUE FOR THE
REMAINDER OF THE DECADE IT WILL SEVERELY PREJUDICE
CINCHAN IN THE EXECUTION OF HIS MISSION.

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IV. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

A. ASSIGNMENT AND EARMARKING OF FORCES

34. THERE HAS BEEN A NOTICEABLE TREND IN RECENT
YEARS FOR COUNTRIES TO REPORT THEIR FORCES IN THEIR REPLIES
TO THE DEFENCE PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRE AS "EARMARKED" FOR
ASSIGNMENT TO NATO RATHER THAN "ASSIGNED" AS WILL BE SEEN FROM
THE COUNTRY CHAPTERS. IN GENERAL THIS DOES NOT AFFECT THE
OPERATIONAL STATUS OF THE FORCES IN QUESTION BUT RESULTS

FROM LITERAL INTERPRETATION BY NATIONAL AUTHORITIES OF THE DEFINITIONS(1) OF THESE TERMS. HOWEVER, IT IS CONTRARY TO THE SENSE OF THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY NATO GOVERNMENTS IN OCTOBER, 1954 AT THE TIME OF THE GERMAN ACCESSION TO NATO(2). MINISTERS WILL WISH TO NOTE THAT THE MILITARY COMMITTEE ARE REVIEWING THE DEFINITIONS WITH A VIEW TO MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE.

B. OPERATIONAL READINESS

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C. RECONNAISSANCE CAPABILITIES

36. THERE IS A GENERAL DECLINE IN TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE CAPABILITY IN BOTH THE FORCES IN EUROPE AND IN THE RAPID REACTION FORCES IN THE UNITED STATES. FOR EXAMPLE, IN A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES THE STRENGTH OF RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT WILL FALL BELOW THE PRESENT LEVEL, AND THERE IS AN IMBALANCE BETWEEN THE RECONNAISSANCE FORCES AVAILABLE TO THE INDIVIDUAL ALLIED TACTICAL AIR FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE DESPITE CROSS TASKING ARRANGEMENTS. THE SITUATION WILL BE FURTHER DEGRADED SHOULD THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES

(1) MC 57/1

(2) C-M(54) 85(FINAL)

DECIDE EITHER TO LOWER THE AVAILABILITY OR CHANGE THE ROLES OF TWO CATEGORY A-1 RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRONS NOW IN GERMANY.

D. RECEPTION AND SUPPORT OF REINFORCEMENT FORCES

37. CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE OR PUT IN HAND SINCE THE SITUATION REGARDING THE RECEPTION AND SUPPORT OF REINFORCEMENT FORCES WAS REPORTED(1) TO MINISTERS LAST YEAR. THE RECEPTION AND SUPPORT OF THESE FORCES HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A NUMBER OF DETAILED PLANS AND AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN SIGNED, OR ARE BEING PROCESSED, BETWEEN MOST HOST AND REINFORCING COUNTRIES. FURTHER THE UNITED STATES HAVE CONCLUDED ARRANGEMENTS WITH A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WITH REGARD TO COLLOCATED OPERATING BASES: THE INCREASED DISPERSAL SHOULD RESULT IN GREATER SURVIVABILITY OF AIRCRAFT.

E. IMPORTANT CHANGES IN THE NATIONAL DEFENCE PLANS

38. THIS YEAR AND DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE PERIOD

UNDER REVIEW CERTAIN COUNTRIES WILL BE IMPLEMENTING
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PROGRAMMES FOR RESTRUCTURING THEIR FORCES FOLLOWING
CONSULTATIONS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITHIN THE ALLIANCE
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES OF C-M(55)82(FINAL);
AND IT HAS BEEN POSSIBLE TO CONDUCT A THOROUGH SCRUTINY
OF THE LONG TERM PLANS OF THE COUNTRIES IN QUESTION
(DENMARK GERMANY AND THE NETHERLANDS) DURING THIS YEARS
REVIEW. ON THE OTHER HAND A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES
ARE PROPOSING CHANGES IN THEIR FORCES. CANADA IS
CONDUCTING A STUDY OF FUTURE POLICY IN RESPECT OF HER
DEFENCE FORCES WHICH MIGHT INVOLVE CHANGES IN THEIR
ORGANISATION AND STRUCTURE. ITALY IS STUDYING THE FUTURE
STRUCTURE OF HER ARMED FORCES BECAUSE OF THE HIGH RATE
OF INFLATION IN THE COUNTRY AND ECONOMIC CONSTRAINTS,

(1) DPC/D(73)23, 30 NOV, 1973 GENERAL REPORT

AND THIS MIGHT RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS IN THE
FORCES; AND A DRAFT BILL BEFORE THE ITALIAN PARLIAMENT
PROPOSES REDUCTIONS IN CONSCRIPT SERVICE WHICH WILL HAVE
AN IMPACT ON THE FUTURE STRUCTURE OF THE ITALIAN FORCES.
THE UNITED KINGDOM IS REVIEWING HER DEFENCE PLANS IN
ORDER TO REDUCE DEFENCE EXPENDITURES AS A PROPORTION OF
NATIONAL RESOURCES. IN NONE OF THESE CASES HAS THE
MAGNITUDE AND THRUST OF THE CHANGES IN FORCE PLANS
YET BEEN INDICATED TO NATO BUT ALL THREE COUNTRIES HAVE
GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT FULL CONSULTATION WITH NATO WILL
TAKE PLACE BEFORE ANY FINAL DECISIONS ARE TAKEN; ITALY
HAS ALREADY BEGUN CONSULTATIONS WITH REGARD TO THE
REDUCTION IN CONSCRIPT SERVICE.

F. WAR RESERVE STOCKS

39. SHAPE IS ANALYSING THE WAR RESERVE STOCKS
SITUATION IN ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE FROM THE POINT OF
VIEW OF THEIR QUANTITY AND QUALITY, THEIR LOCATION FOR
PROJECTED OPERATIONS, SURVIVABILITY, AND IMBALANCES
WITHIN AND BETWEEN COMMANDS. THE NEXT STEP WILL BE TO
ASSESS THE EFFECT OF THESE FACTORS ON FORCE CAPABILITIES
AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REMEDIAL ACTION FOR
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BALANCED STOCK HOLDINGS. IN PARALLEL, SHAPE IS
REVIEWING CONSUMPTION AND ATTRITION RATES ON WHICH
STOCKPILE PLANNING IS BASED, AND WILL PROVIDE NEW
STANDARDS FOR SELECTED HIGH COST, HIGH DENSITY

MODERN MUNITIONS. THE RESULTS OF THIS WORK ARE
EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE EARLY NEXT YEAR.

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V. ECONOMIC PROSPECTS AND FINANCIAL PLANS

40. INFORMATION ON THE FINANCIAL PLANS OF MEMBER COUNTRIES FOR THE 1975-1979 DEFENCE PLANNING PERIOD IS INSUFFICIENT TO ASSESS THE OVERALL TRENDS. HOWEVER, IF THE PRESNET INTENTIONS OF MEMBER COUNTRIES ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE INDICATIONS ARE THAT THERE WILL BE A CONTINUED SLOW RISE, IF REAL TERMS, IS DEFENCE EXPENDITURES FOR MEMBER COUNTRIES AS A WHOLE, BUT AT A RATE UNLIKELY TO EXCEED EVEN THE MORE PESSIMISTIC FORECAST OF ECONOMIC GROWTH FOR THE PERIOD 1975-1979. THE CURRENTLY ENVISAGED LEVELS OF EXPENDITURE ARE UNLIKELY TO BE SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE REEQUIPPING PROGRAMMES FALLING DUE IN THIS PLANNING PERIOD, AND IN MANY INSTANCES SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES ARE NEEDED.

41. THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK, AT LEAST IN THE MEDIUM TERM, IS FOR LOW GROWTH, AND INFLATION RATES POSSIBLY TWO OR THREE TIMES HIGHER THAN IN THE 1960S. ASSUMING THAT CORRECTIVE ACTION IS EFFECTIVE IN BRINGING INFLATION

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UNDER CONTROL, AND IN CORRECTING THE MORE SERIOUS IMBALANCES ON EXTERNAL TRADE AND PAYMENTS, A RATE OF ECONOMIC GROWTH

CLOSE TO THAT EXPERIENCE IN THE 1960S IS UNLIKELY TO BE ATTAINED BEFORE THE END OF THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW.

42. IN THE UNITED STATES THE INFLATIONARY IMPACT ON DEFENCE EXPENDITURES IS CONSIDERABLE. IN FY 1974/75 REAL DEFENCE EXPENDITURES WILL REAIN AT THE 1974 LEVEL OR EVEN DECLINE SOMEWHAT IN SPITE OF A RISE IN MONETARY TERMS OF MORE THAN 9PCT. NO FIRM FINANCIAL PLANS ARE REPORTED BEYOND FY 1975. FROM 1976 A NEW BUDGET PROCESS IS EXPECTED TO PERMIT PROJECTIONS TO BE MAKE FOR A 5YEAR PERIOD. A LEVEL OF RESOURCE ALLOCATION OF NOT MUCH LESS THAN 6PCT OF GNP (6.5PCT NATO DEFINITION) WHICH IS ROUGHLY THE PRESEND LEVEL IS REGARDED BY THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES TO BE COMMENSURATE WITH THE COUNTRYS SECURITY RESPONSIBILITIES. IN CANADA A REVIEW OF MEANS OF FINANCING THE DEFENSE PROGRAMME IS IN PROGRESS . THE 5YEAR PLANNED INCREASE OF 7PCT ANNULLY IN MONEY TERMS, ANNOUNCED LAST YEAR, HAS PROVED INSUFFICIENT TO AVOID A DECLINE IN THELEVEL OF DEFENCE EXPEENDITREES, IN REAL TERMS, AND THE DEFENCE SHARE OF GNP NOW STANDS AT SOME 2.4PCT.

43. IN EUROPE THE LEVEL OF INFLATION HAS ACCELERATED SHARPLY, AND SPECIAL EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE BY MOST COUNTIRES TO OFFSET THE EFFECT OF SUCH INCREASES ON THEIR DEFENCE SEPEDING. FOR THE DPC EUROPEAN MEMBER COUNTRIES AS A WHOLE, THE RISE IN EXPENDITURES IN MONEY TERMS WILL BE SOME 12PCT OR CLOSE TO \$4,000 MILLION COMPARED WITH 1973. MOST, IF NOT ALL OF THIS INCREASE IS LIKELY TO BE TAKEN UP BY INFLATION. AT THE PRESENT TIME SOME REAL INCLREASE IS EXPECTED TO MATERIALISE IN THE CASE OF SEVEN DPC EUROPEAN MEMBER COUNTRIES. THE RATE OF INCREASE OF DEFENCE SPENDING IN MONETARY TERMS IN 1974(SOME 12PCT) IS UNLIKELY TO BE AS HIGH AS THE RATE OF INCREASE IN GNP AND THE AVERAGE EUROPEAN DEFENCE SHARE OF 4.1PCT IN 1973 COULD BE SOMEWHAT LOWER IN 1974.

44. A NUMBER OF COUNTIRES HAVE TAKEN STEPS TO MAKE SOME FORM OF SPECIAL PROVISION FOR MEETING WAGE AND PRICE INCREASES. THE ADOPTION OF SUCH MEASURES BY ALL
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MEMBER COUNTIRES WOULD GO A LONG WAY TO DIMINISH THE DISRUPTIVE EFFECT OF INFLATION ON DEFENCE PLANS.

45. AS FAR AS THE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES ARE CONCERNED, THE CANADA, ITALY, LUXEMBOURG, UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE NOT PROVIDED INFORMATION BEYOND 1975, AND IN SEVERAL INSTANCES WHERE PLANS ARE REPORTED IT IS NOT ALWAYS CLEAR TO WHAT EXTENT FUTURE PAY AND PRICE INCREASES WILL BE COMPENSATED. BELGIUM HAS STATED HER INTENTION TO MAINTAIN A 4PCT YEARLY REAL RISE. THE NEW NETHERLANDS DEFENCE PROGRAMME IS BASED

ON A REAL INCREASE OF 1.4PCT YEARLY AND THE CURRENT DANISH PLAN WHICH ENDS IN 1977 INDICATES A REAL INCREASE OF ROUGHLY 2PCT. PORTUGAL HAS REPORTED PLANNED EXPENDITURES THAT INDICATE SOME REDUCTION IN REAL TERMS, WHILE THE ESTIMATES FOR TURKEY ARE FOR A RISE, IN REAL TERMS, OF THE ORDER OF 3PCT YEARLY ON AVERAGE. IN NORWAY, THE DEFENCE PROGRAMME ASSUMES A SMALL YEARLY INCREASE, BUT WILL BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW. IN GERMANY THE CURRENT 4YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN SHOWS INCREASES OF 4 TO 5PCT YEARLY, BUT THESE INCLUDE AN ELEMENT OF INFLATION.

46. IN THE WARSAWPACT COUNTRIES THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF ASLACKENING OF THEIR MILITARY EFFORTS: INDEED IN THE USSR MILITARY EXPENDITURES ARE EXPECTED TO ACCELERATE FOR THE NEXT YEAR OR TWO AS CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS ARE REPLACED OR MODERNISED AND NEW GENERATION OF STRATEGIC ARMS IS BROUGHT INTO SERVICE. THIS REFLECTS A CYCLICAL DEVELOPMENT THAT IS EXPECTED TO LEAVE THE LONGER TERM TREND IN MILITARY SPENDING IN THE USSR AT A RATE OF THE ORDER OF 3PCT YEARLY IN REAL TERMS.

47 IN SUMMARY THIS REVIEW HAS SHOWN THAT THE PROBLEM OF MAINTAINING BALANCED FORCES HAS CONSIDERABLY WORSENERD, PARTICULARLY FOR COUNTRIES THAT FOR A PERIOD OF YEARS HAVE HELD THEIR DEFENCE EXPENDITURES AT LEVELS TOO LOW FOR A SATISFACTORY FULLFILLMENT OF THEIR REEQUIPMENT PROGRAMMES. FOR A FEW COUNTRIES THAT HAVE STEADILY MET THEIR INVESTMENT NEEDS, EVEN WHERE SOME FORCE RESTRUCTURING HAS BEEN NECESSARY, THIS PROBLEM IS FAR LESS SERIOUS. THE DETERIORATION OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION AND OUTLOOK AND
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PARTICULARLY RISING PRICES AND COSTS HIGHLIGHT THE GRAVITY OF THIS PROBLEM FOR THE CURRENT PLANNING PERIOD. IT IS THEREFORE URGENT THAT IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE PRESENT BALANCE OF FORCES, COUNTRIES SHOULD TAKE STEPS TO AVOID ANY REDUCTIONS IN MANPOWER LEVELS AND ANY FURTHER DEFERMENT OR STRETCHING OF THESE PROCUREMENT AND MODERNISATION PROGRAMMES. IT IS ALSO EVEN MORE URGENT TO MAKE THE OPTIMUM USE OF RESOURCES THROUGH TRULY COOPERATIVE EFFORTS IN DEFENCE.

VI. MILITARY SUITABILITY OF THE 1975-1979 FORCE PLAN
AND ASSOCIATED RISK
(TO BE PROVIDED).

VII. CONCLUSIONS

VIII RECOMMENDATIONS

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THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN PERMANENT
SESSION RECOMMENDS TO MINISTERS THAT THEY:

(A) NOTE THIS GENERAL REPORT TOGETHER WITH THE
COUNTRY CHAPTERS AND STATISTICAL ANNEXES
WHICH SET OUT THE CURRENT FORCE AND FINANCIAL
PLANS OF COUNTRIES (WHERE KNOWN) FOR THE PERIOD
1975-1979(1);

(B) NOTE THE SECRETARY GENERALS OVERALL SUMMARY
APPRAISAL(2);

(C) NOTE THE REPORT BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE ON THE
OVERALL SUITABILITY OF THE 1975-1979 FORCE PLAN
AND THE ASSOCIATED DEGREE OF RISK(3);

(D) ADOPT ON BEHALF OF THEIR COUNTRIES THE FIRM
FORCE COMMITMENTS REPRESENTED BY THE COUNTRY
FORCE PLANS FOR 1975 AS RECORDED IN THE COUNTRY
CHAPTERS AND THEIR STATISTICAL ANNEXES(1);

(E) ADOPT AS A NATO FORCE PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1975-
1979 THE FORCE STRUCTURE SET OUT IN THE COUNTRY
CHAPTERS AND THEIR STATISTICAL ANNEXES AND
SUMMARISED IN THE OVERALL SUMMARY FORCE TABLES(4),
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NOTING THAT THE FORCE PLAN COVERING THE PERIOD
1976-1980 TO BE SUBMITTED IN 1975 WILL BE BASED
ON THE FORCE GOALS FOR THE SAME PERIOD ADOPTED
BY THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN PERMANENT
SESSION ON BEHALF OF MINISTERS LAST MAY (5);

(1) DPC/D(74)21 (COUNTRY CHAPTERS AND STATISTICAL ANNEXES)

(2) DPC/D(74)...

(3) MCM-82-74, 21ST NOVEMBER 1974

(4) DPC/D(74)21 (COUNTRY CHAPTERS AND STATISTICAL ANNEXES)

(5) DPC/D(74)5 (GENERAL REPORT AND COUNTRY SERIES)

(F) UNDERTAKE TO TAKE ALL POSSIBLE ACTION TO REMEDY

THE CRITICAL DEFICIENCIES IN NATO FORCES TO

WHICH ATTENTION HAS BEEN DRAWN IN THE 1974

DEFENCE REVIEW.

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	TOTAL	M	FULLY	PARTIALLY	NOT YET
	NUMBER	MET	XQT	IG	MFC
BELGIUM	39	23	11		5
CANADA	37	11	12		14
LOENMARK	NK SQ 20	6	9		5
GERMANY	41	26	11		4
ITALY	37	7	17		13
LUXEMBOURG	7	2	1		4
NETHERLANDS	53	24	16		13
NORWAY	29	8	15		6
PORTUGAL	12	1	0		11
TURKEY	34	2	12		20
UNITED KINGDOM	88	(1)	(1)		(1)
UNITED STATES	64	47	11		6

(1) DEPENDS ON THE RESULTS OF THE NATIONAL DEFENCE REVIEW.

2. DURING NOVEMBER 25 MEETING, DRC MADE PARAGRAPH BY

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PARAGRAPH RUN THROUGH OF DRAFT GENERAL REPORT. SEVERAL REPS
SUGGESTED MINOR EDITORIAL CORRECTIONS. SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION
TOOK PLACE ON THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS:

A) PARA 18. US REP (CLINARD), REFERRING TO NATURE
OF US STATEMENT DURING DRC MULTILATERAL EXAMINATION OF US DPQ
REPLY, SUGGESTED AMENDING PARAGRAPH TO MAKE LANGUAGE REFERRING
TO US PLANS MORE GENERAL, AND, OFFERED SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE
ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: "OF PARTICULAR NOTE IS THE INTENTION
OF THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES TO REINFORCE THEIR FORCES
IN EUROPE BY REALLOCATION OF 18,000 PERSONNEL NOW IN SUPPORT
ROLES TO COMBAT DUTIES. VARIOUS APPROACHES TO THE IMPLEMENTA-
TION OF THIS CONVERSION ARE CURRENTLY UNDER STUDY IN THE US."
CHAIRMAN (HUMPHREYS) STATED THAT THE PRESS HAD REPORTED PLANS
TO STATION TWO US BRIGADES IN EUROPE, AND THAT NO ONE HAD
CHALLENGED THESE REPORTS. CANADIAN REP (SHEFFIELD) RETORTED

THAT PRESS REPORTS PROVIDE POOR BASIS FOR STATEMENTS IN DRC GENERAL REPORT AND AGREED THAT GENERAL MCAULIFFE HAD USED MORE GUARDED LANGUAGE IN DISCUSSING THE MATTER DURING DRC MULTILATERAL REVIEW OF US FORCE PLANS. HUMPHREYS CONCLUDED DISCUSSION BY NOTING MATTER HAD HIGH POLITICAL AND MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE. DURING INFORMAL CONVERSATION FOLLOWING MEETING, IS INDICATED REVISED DRAFT WILL READ "OF PARTICULAR NOTE IS THE INTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO REINFORCE THEIR FORCES IN EUROPE BY REALLOCATION OF 18,000 PERSONNEL NOW IN SUPPORT ROLES TO COMBAT DUTIES BEGIN SQUARE BRACKETS WITH TWO BRIGADE EQUIVALENTS AND TWO ARTILLERY BATTALIONS END SQUARE BRACKETS." IS PROPOSED TO KEEP BRACKETED LANGUAGE IN REPORT PENDING RECEIPT OF DEFINITIVE SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE FROM US. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE CONCERNING TWO BRIGADES. COMMENT. MISSION NOTES THAT LANGUAGE PROVIDED BY WASHINGTON (REF B) FOR DRAFT COMMUNIQUE REFERS TO "THE INTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO FORM THE EQUIVALENT OF TWO NEW BRIGADES IN EUROPE DURING 1975 BY RATIONALIZATION IN SUPPORTING FUNCTION." END COMMENT.

B) BASIC ISSUES. US REP EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO IS FOR ACTING ON US REQUEST (REF A) TO INCLUDE SOME ILLUSTRATIVE QUANTIFICATION ON BASIC ISSUES IN GENERAL REPORT, SO AS TO SHOW MORE CLEARLY EXTENT TO WHICH PROGRESS IS BEING MADE ON REGIONAL BASIS. HE ASKED WHETHER IS COULD IMPROVE REPORT FURTHER IN THIS REGARD, SPECIFICALLY AS CONCERNS WAR RESERVE STOCKS. CHAIRMAN
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REPLIED IS WOULD UNDERTAKE TO DO SO, BUT POINTED OUT THAT BRIEF QUANTIFICATION OF WRS LEVEL SITUATION IS DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF PALTRY INFORMATION AND ENORMOUS NUMBER OF ITEMS INVOLVED. FRG REP (CAPT ARENDT) CAUTIONED AGAINST SOUNDING TOO PESSIMISTIC A NOTE IN GENERAL REPORT, STATING THAT MODERN MUNITIONS ARE COSTLY AND STOCK LEVELS OF NEWLY INTRODUCED MUNITIONS WILL ALWAYS BE BELOW OBJECTIVE LEVELS DURING PHASE-IN.

C) ANNEX. US REP QUESTIONED WISDOM OF TABLE SHOWING STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PRIORITY I FORCE GOALS; HE NOTED THAT, WITHOUT FURTHER ELABORATION, TABLE AT ANNEX IS SUBJECT TO MISINTERPRETATION. US REP SUGGESTED THAT, IF FINAL REPORT INCLUDES THIS TABLE, IT ALSO CONTAIN ADDITIONAL FOOTNOTE STATING ALL FORCE GOALS NOT OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE NOR OF EQUAL COST. CHAIRMAN AGREED TO ADD FOOTNOTE OF THIS NATURE.MCAULIFFE

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